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Mr. John L. Steele
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Dear Mr. Steele:

Thank you very much for your letter of 17 September inviting me to attend the cocktail party and dinner of 12 October to be given by the White House Correspondents' Association in honor of President Eisenhower on his sixty-ninth birthday.

Much as I would like to join you on this particular occasion, I have a long-standing business engagement on that date which I cannot decline. Therefore, I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your very kind invitation.

Your thoughtfulness in asking me to attend is indeed appreciated.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

signed
Allen W. Dulles
Director

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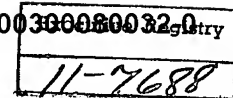
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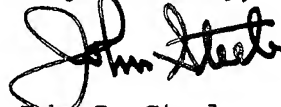
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Dear Mr. Dulles:

The White House Correspondents' Association on October 12th at 7:15 P.M. will give a dinner honoring President Eisenhower on his sixty-ninth birthday at the Sheraton-Park Hotel.

I would like to invite you to be one of our guests at that affair and hope it will be possible for you to attend. We will also give a cocktail party preceding the dinner, this to begin at 6:00 P.M. Would you be good enough to let me know if you are able to join us on the 12th?

Very sincerely,



John L. Steele

Mr. Allen W. Dulles
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